

Gov. Evers Hosts Badger Bounceback Live Session

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers will this week host the third of six virtual Badger Bounceback Live Sessions to discuss his 2021-23 budget proposal. As highlighted in a [video message](#) from the governor, the listening session will cover topics including fixing Wisconsin's roads and bridges, investing in transit and transportation alternatives, expanding access to broadband, and supporting local communities and government.

The Badger Bounceback Live Session on Transportation & Infrastructure will occur on Tues., March 30, 2021, at 6 p.m., Wisconsinites are invited to register to attend [here](#). The live session will also be live streamed and available to watch any time on the governor's YouTube channel [here](#).



“Our Badger Bounceback budget proposal is all about how we not only recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, but how we move forward beyond the pandemic to the future we want to build for our state,” said Gov. Evers. “From fixing our roads and bridges so Wisconsin businesses and farmers can get their products from point A to point B, to expanding broadband infrastructure, these investments in our transportation system and state infrastructure are absolutely vital to our economy.”

The governor's Badger Bounceback budget proposal ensures families, communities, and the state can bounce back and better by:

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- Fixing our roads by bringing the state's biennial budget investment in general transportation aids for cities, villages, towns, and counties to the highest level ever;
- Investing a total of more than \$565 million in federal and state funds for the major highway program to continue work on projects throughout the state;
- Including more than \$66 million increase in funding for the State Highway Rehabilitation Program; and
- Helping improve access to public transit for workers, students, individuals with disabilities and older Wisconsinites by increasing investments for programs that supplement public transit and in general transit operating assistance, paratransit services, job access transit programs, tribal elderly transportation aids, and specialized transit assistance programs.

In addition to his proposed investments in Wisconsin's transportation system, the governor declared 2021 the Year of Broadband Access and proposes the largest state investment in broadband in state history by investing nearly \$200 million to expand broadband infrastructure statewide and assisting in affordability for low-income families. More on the governor's transportation and infrastructure proposals is available [here](#).

A full schedule of the Badger Bounceback Live Sessions is available below and on the governor's website [here](#).

Badger Bounceback Live Session on Transportation & Infrastructure Tues., March 30, 2021, at 6 p.m. Register to attend [here](#).

The Badger Bounceback Live Session on Transportation & Infrastructure will cover topics such as investments in transportation and infrastructure, fixing our roads and bridges, investing in transit and transportation alternatives, expanding access to broadband, and supporting local communities and government.

Badger Bounceback Live Session on What's Best for Our Kids Thurs., April 8, 2021, at 6 p.m. Register to attend [here](#).

The Badger Bounceback Live Session on What's Best for Our Kids will cover topics such as ensuring every kid has access to a high-quality, public education, providing mental health supports for students at schools, special education reimbursement rates, expanding access to early childhood education and childcare, and investing in our higher education institutions.

Badger Bounceback Live Session on Justice Reform & Marijuana Legalization Wed., April 14, 2021, at 6 p.m. Register to attend [here](#).

The Badger Bounceback Live Session on Justice Reform & Marijuana Legalization will cover topics such as addressing racial disparities in our justice system, legalizing medical and recreational marijuana, investing in treatment, rehabilitation, and other alternatives to incarceration, and programming to support safe community reentry.

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**Badger Bounceback Live Session on Climate Change & Our Environment
Wed., April 21, 2021, at 6 p.m. Register to attend [here](#) .**

The Badger Bounceback Live Session on Climate Change & Our Environment will cover topics such as investing in stewardship and making public lands more accessible, addressing lead poisoning prevention, keeping our water clean, addressing climate change and the climate crisis, and protecting our state's natural resources.